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## 05/16/2012 Minutes

Approved  
 Sustainable Arlington  
 May 16, 2012  
 Meeting Minutes

April minutes reviewed and approved

Jeremy Marin spoke about composting

- Simple- nitrogen + carbon, mix by volume, not by weight
- Carbon- newspaper, leaves, hay (straw, not salt marsh)- 2 parts
- Nitrogen- food scraps- 1 part
- Smell=anaerobic decomposition- releases methane, not good for backyard composting. Can avoid by adding a lot of carbon off the bat
- Lasagna method- lazy, just layer then mix with compost aerator or cultivating hoe
- Consistency/texture: No sticks, can screen through ☐ screen/hardware cloth
- 2 units helpful – when the pile is full you let it sit and cook, then when it's cooled off it's safe to put it in your garden

### UPDATES:

- Open meeting Requirements: Charlotte will circulate link for MA online training for conflict of interest laws to the current meeting attendees

Solarize Mass Arlington- Ryan Katofsky

- Ryan described the program and how it will work in Arlington
- The tiered pricing means steeper discounts the more KWh hours contracted for
- Arlington is one of 17 communities participating in this second phase
- We already have 40-50 existing arrays, plus a few large commercial buildings

Energy Working Group- Ryan Katofsky

- Investigating Power Purchasing Agreements from solar companies
- Town Meeting approved \$200K funding for energy efficiency projects. Special account idea was not approved this year, but may be introduced again next year
- Green Communities grants in process, i.e. variable speed drives and 6th floor of high school will gain proper ventilation and energy efficiency

Occupy Arlington update from Mark Mango and David Landskov

- Occupy was a great forum for him to get to an SA meeting
- General Assemblies meet Sundays 6:30 pm at Arlington Senior Center
- Occupy may have similar goals to SA, but they aren't as well integrated with the town
- Occupy can help keep national and international topics in the public conversation
- Citizen's United- at the local level big money has too big an influence
- Have done trash pick ups along the bike path
- Occupy has done actions with Friends of Alewife Reservation, may run Friday through the weekend to draw attention from a new group constituents- want to have a public conversation
- Asked: What are the guiding values of Occupy Arlington? Consensus – return of the rule of law and return to democratic rule by voters
- There's an environmental working group we're invited to, time and place TBD

Arlington Cultural Council- Scott Samenfeld

- Sustainable Arlington is cosponsoring an event June 7, 7pm, at Center for the Arts, to dialogue about branding Arlington as an arts destination
- The whole membership is invited, will be on yahoo list and website
- Mass Cultural Council program has a model for designating the Capitol Theater District as a cultural destination- this will be one opportunity that will be considered

ANNOUNCEMENTS and EVENTS

- Feast of the East- June 16, 2012
- Vision 2020 end of year celebration, Arlington Senior Center 6pm, potluck
- Spy Pond Canoe and Kayak this summer through Recreation Dept.
- Regent Theater- Jazz this weekend
- Friends of Robbins Library will be working with Next Step Living to promote energy audits